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Yes, it's another LIFE OF MONTY, brought to you by the hands (and typewriter) of Don Del Grande, 802 Ida Sprout Hall, 2400 Durant Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94720, phone (415) 643-2185 or (415) 461-2692. I'd also like to say that this issue starts off with an official LIFE OF MONTY



Beginning on PAGE 2, this issue of LOM contains the story of "Who Was Eric Blake?", the John Boardman pseudonym exposed by Rod Walker in EUROPA EXPRESS. Although there's nothing per se about the hobby in this story, there are a couple of things that can be taken the wrong way in here, so I thought I'd warn you in advance. There's ALSO a note by Rod Walker about who "Eutiquio Jose Revillagigedo" was, for anybody who cares. The story ends on page 5.

And now, the sights and sounds of the universe, the LOM NEWS.... Dateline: CALIFORNIA....The state Supreme Court ruled 5-2 that it is against the law for landlords to prevent people from renting solely on the basis that the people have children (in other words, landlords can't say, "You can't have the apartment if you have any children"). This does NOT apply to housing which is restricted to senior citizens. There's one catch: what's to stop landlords from raising the rents?

Dateline: PONTIAC, MICHIGAN....All is quiet. That was fast.

Dateline: SAN FRANCISCO.....No more hoopla - it's time to sit back and watch the S.F. Giants ~~get~~ ~~blown~~ ~~away~~ play the L.A. Dodgers (a/k/a the Fernando Maniacs). For the first time, there'll be a San Francisco - Oakland pre-season "series" played at Candlestick Park and the Oakland Coliseum. You don't see that in New York, now do you? How about Chicago or Los Angeles/Anaheim? Speaking of baseball, here are my pre-season predictions:

AL WEST.....I almost said Oakland - but I forgot about California's super-infielders (plus Reggie's back west).

AL EAST.....I'll take a guess here and say Boston. MAYBE the Yankees will repeat.

NL WEST.....(Did you HONESTLY expect me to say San Francisco?) Los Angeles will repeat - it took them long enough to win the series.

NL EAST.....If a certain female whose initials are EK (although not necessarily in that order) can win three games as Italy and cheer for them, it's time for a Mets division title.

WORLD SERIES.....In THE TAXI SERIES, California over Los Angeles.

And speaking of baseball, an old friend of mine made it into the major leagues - look for "BUD" BIANCALANA of the KANSAS CITY ROYALS this season (I keep forgetting his position - shortstop, I think). Of course, he was on the team at my high school that won the national title in '77....

It's spelled "necessarily", and this is

You've been warned.....I'll start off with Rod Walker's answer to the question, "Who was Eutiquie Jose Revillagigedo?"

"Eutiquie Jose Revillagigedo" was a pseudonym used by Conrad von Metzke around 1966-67. He may or may not have played in a game under it. He also published a fake 'zine, I CARAMBÁ, with a fake Hispanic game in it for perhaps one or two issues, as I recall. He did not use the name in order to play two positions simultaneously in a game, or cheat in a game in any other way.

Okay, now it's time for the main event.....

### WHO WAS ERIC BLAKE?

by John Boardman

It is probably well known by now in both war-gaming and science-fiction fandom that, about 20 years ago, I operated a hoax called 'Eric Blake' out of a post office box on Long Island. It is just as probably not known that 'Eric Blake' was created for neither fandom, but for a more serious and possibly risky purpose.

It began about 1960, when far-right political movements were beginning to develop some violent and fascistic aspects as their challenge to the civil rights movement. I was concerned about this development, since I had been a spear-carrier in the second of the Deep South's boycotts against segregation on buses, as a student in Tallahassee in 1956. I felt that the activities of the segregationist groups had to be studied and publicized so that the danger they posed might better be understood and resisted. I also felt that quotation of the violent groups' publications would be an effective argument against those who opposed civil rights legislation, as a use of a vulnerable debate technique that might be entitled "Look who's on your side!"

When I moved to Jamaica, New York, in 1961, I rented a post office box a few blocks from my apartment under the name 'Eric Blake', and used it for the purpose of subscribing under this name to the publications of such segregationist and militaristic groups as the National States Rights Party (NSRP), the American Nazi Party (ANP), and their various schismatic end front groups. The pseudonym was as a protection to my identity, as I thought that I might write about these groups under my own name, and did not want to leave a trail by which they might get to me. The wisdom of this approach was confined about that time by what happened to an Idaho Negro who, as a joke, wrote to a southern Ku Klux Klan branch and applied for membership. The Klan responded by making him their Northwestern Regional Director. He then went to the press, told them the story, and everybody had a good laugh. They stopped laughing a few weeks later, when he disappeared.

Most of the literature that I received as 'Eric Blake' from segregationist groups was passed on to a friend, a Columbia University student who was writing a book on Anti-Semitism, and was himself a researcher for the Non-sectarian Anti-Nazi league. But in 1962 I started to get more active in science-fiction fandom. It may seem difficult for a present-day s-f fan in Greater New York to realize, but in those days there were almost no opportunities for "fanning" around here. The once-mighty Futurians had developed into a small group of friends who met at one another's homes, while Panclasts and Lunarians were closed-membership groups, with none of whose members I was acquainted. So I joined the National Fantasy Fan Federation (NFFF).

The NFFF takes a little explaining. It began about 40 years ago

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with the intent that it should become a blanket organization for all science-fiction and fantasy fans in the country. This ambition foundered over the fact that the only blanket organization in which the average s-f fan was interested was a blanket covering that fan and one member of the opposite sex. (Some people modify one or both of the last two adjectives in that last sentence.) So the NFFF stumbled along, publishing a quarterly fanzine, and putting up with enormous amounts of bickering among its Board of Directors over topics whose importance could never quite be made clear.

Science-fiction fans, however, are as un-organizable as are war-gaming fans. In both cases, local groups for regular socializing, and periodic conventions for serious hobby activity, are about all the organizing that fans will put up with. There was, and is, no need for a national organization in either field, simply for the sake of having an organization. The NFFF briefly intersected with war-gaming fandom about a dozen years ago, when it produced a Games Bureau which in turn sprouted a Diplomacy Division. This last excessiveness was called NFFFGEND, or "Bunchaletters" for short. Naturally, it attracted people who were more interested in organizing Diplomacy than in playing it, and became little more than a tourist bureau for ego trips. Nobody who knows much about postal Diplomacy will be surprised to learn that Rod Walker was very active in it.

I am not well up on the organizational convolutions that connect, or do not connect, Bunchaletters with the International Diplomacy Association or Diplomacy World, and which feasted on Avalon Hill the incredibly bad choice of Walker as author of their Diplomacy manual. Nor would readers be interested in an account of these convolutions if they could be made public.

Once having turned 'Eric Blake' loose into the NFFF, I decided to create a persona and have a little fun with him. I made him a retired civil engineer, and gave his birthdate as 29 February 1908. (NFFF sends birthday cards to its members, so I, like Frederick of Penzance, handed them this date.) ((Let me interrupt to explain that last remark: Frederick is the main character in THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE, at the beginning of which Frederick, having turned 21, ends his apprenticeship with the pirates, who later "reclaim" him on the grounds that he's bound until his 21st birthday, and only five February 29ths had passed since his birth.)) He had graduated from Stevens Institute of Technology sometime around 1930, and his first job had been involved with the Empire State Building, then under construction. (At one point I gave the readers of the NFFF fanzine an account of what parts of Manhattan are and are not geologically suited to have skyscrapers erected on them.) Later, he had worked in the ((Panama)) Canal Zone, an experience which brought 'Blake's' views on race into NFFF letter columns. Still later, he had served with the Navy's famous Construction Battalion ("Seabees") in World War II, before returning to civilian practice.

As a science-fiction reader Blake preferred the older pulp style, liked Heinlein but with reservations about his lack of religious belief or racism, and could not put up with "egalitarian" scientific doctrines that had crept into modern s-f. He professed himself a believing Christian who was upset over the obvious parody of Christianity in Heinlein's Stranger in a Strange Land. At one point he got a sympathetic letter, expressing agreement with his stand, from Gertrude M. Carr, an acidulous Seattle fan who is still an uncherished legend in s-f fandom. 'Blake' did not put into the NFFF the unabashedly Anti-Semitic views which he wrote to NARP or ANP, but did defend racial segregation and white supremacy. Needless to say, he was also firmly anti-Communist.

"That looks a very exciting place."

In 1963 I moved to Manhattan, but kept the Jamaica post office box in the Blake name. In May of that year, in propria persona, I founded the hobby of postal Diplomacy by publishing the first issue of Graustark. (I want to emphasize this because Walker sometimes has been heard to claim that a friend of his in San Diego had published a postal Diplomacy 'zine in 1962. Some indices have even included a non-existent game with the "Boardman Number" 1962C. The San Diegan has been variously identified as Conrad Metzke, Conrad von Metzke, and Gutiquio Jose Reviliagigedo. If anyone except Walker has ever claimed to have met him, I am unaware of that fact.)

Within the next year, other postal Diplomacy 'zines had made their appearance. The second was Guritania, whose publisher, variously known as David McDaniel and Ted Johnstone, is now dead. (It was unrelated to a more recent 'zine of the same title ((Teny Watson of Las Vegas did this Guritania, which is where 1980G originally came from)). I took over its publication after McDaniel/Johnstone dropped out of the hobby for the more profitable occupation of writing scripts for The Man From U.N.C.L.E.) The third postal Diplomacy publication was John McCallum's Drottingnag. Another early publication came out from a Californian variously known as Charles G. Brannan, Dan Brannan, and Steven Cartier. Like many other usages from s-f fandom, numerous pseudonyms were becoming common in war-gaming fandom.

Having begun the hobby as a publisher, I was interested in getting into it as a player. I signed up as Turkey in 1964B, McDaniel's first and only game in Guritania, but found that I was unable to keep up with his deadline schedule, and resigned early lest I spoil the game for the other players. John McCallum's 1964C offered me another opportunity, and I enrolled - once under my own name, and once as 'Eric Blake'. I was assigned England, and 'Blake' got Turkey.

This was not opposed to McCallum's house rules, though today most Gamemasters would not allow it. In fact, only someone desperate for entries would put in the same game two players so close geographically; however, both games and players were few and far between in 1964. At present, I operate under the general principle that "players may use such deceptions among themselves, as being in accord with accepted principles in international diplomacy. As a general rule in these matters, players may practice deception among themselves, but not against the Gamemaster". In the actual First World War, the one which our game mimics, Russia stood in precisely the same relationship to France from 1914 to 1917 that 'Blake' stood in with respect to me in 1964C.

In 1966 or thereabouts, I closed out the "Eric Blake" identity, and passed it on to my friend the political researcher, along with most of the political literature which 'Blake' had received. This political literature was beginning to fix on George C. Wallace, the fiercely segregationist Governor of Alabama, as its 'White Hope' for restoring white supremacy. I was rather worried, owing to that booby trap in the Twelfth Amendment which would throw the country into chaos should a "third party" candidate prevent any presidential candidate from obtaining a majority in the Electoral College.

Early in 1968, I ran a presidential poll in Graustark, and several readers voted for Wallace. At about the time that the poll results were to be printed, a Wallace campaign worker variously called James Earl Ray or Eric Starvo Galt shot and killed Dr. Martin Luther King, and fled the country with obvious help. It later transpired that the plot against Dr. King had been hatched by a wealthy Missouri segregationist, now dead, who had passed the hat among his friends and hired Ray as a hit man. But, at the time, it seemed to me that the Wallace

Richard Nixon didn't vote for

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campaign had, like the equally racist Nazis before it, passed the bounds of a legitimate political movement and had become an armed and aggressive conspiracy against the United States of America. Therefore, as several people have already informed war-gaming fandom, I published the names of the Wallace supporters in the Graustark poll. I shouldn't have done this, but in 1968 none of us really understood the clashing tides of legal and extra-legal political action among the many deeply and fervently held beliefs that animated public opinion in that tragic year. Now that the whole Wallace agitation has died and rotted, and racial segregation on the classic pattern has ceased to be defended by even the most reactionary, my concern of 1968 seems vastly overblown.

That finishes the entire 'Eric Blake' business. The only questions left to ask are why, after so many years, the identity of 'Blake' has become an issue among postal Diplomacy fans.

\*\*\*\*\*Back to LOM again....may I answer that last question? I believe that it has something to do with the famous Donovan fakes. Gary Coughlan faked, among other 'zines, RETALIATION, and John Boardman, in my view, has expressed an unfavorable view toward fakes and their authors. In GRAUSTARK #433, John Boardman published "a list of the most notorious perpetrators of these forgeries," which included Gary Coughlan. Subsequently, when Gary started publishing EUROPA EXPRESS, John wrote a letter to Gary, which appeared in EM #2, and contained the following: "There is no room for you liars, forgers and hoaxers in this hobby...." In EM #3, Rod Walker responded with the Eric Blake and Wallace Poll comments, stating "So there is no room for "you hoaxers".... (and) 'you liars' in the hobby?" The full articles appear in EUROPA EXPRESS, issues 2 and 3, published by Gary Coughlan, 4614 Martha Cole Lane, Memphis, TN 38118.

Now to the business of payment. Let's see - three LOM pages is worth \$3 credit to ANY active 'zine, John - you name it. (Or, if you prefer, it's worth \$2.25 in cash.) Also, for Rod, there's the minimum payment of 75¢ cash or \$1 credit to any 'zine.

Responses to this (or anything else) article (er, this article or anything else) will be accepted and, at my discretion, and provided the author of the response expresses a desire to the contrary, printed in LOM. Any personal views expressed here are those of the person who expressed them and, except when I make them, do not necessarily represent the views of myself, any person involved in LIFE OF MONTY's publication and distribution, the hobby or hobbies involved, the University of California, the associated students thereof, the Avalon Hill Game Company, SPI, TSR, Flying Buffalo, Nova Games, the city of Berkeley, the county of Alameda, the county of Marin, the state of California, the NADB, the British Broadcasting Company, Thames Television, Digital Equipment Corporation (they make the computers I use at UCB), the NWA, the AWA, the National Monstergaming Society, those persons involved in the publication and distribution of ALARUMS & EXCURSIONS, THE GENERAL, SORCEROR'S APPRENTICE, ARES, STRATEGY & TACTICS, ALL-STAR REPLAY, BYTE, TV GUIDE, Doug Cooper and Michael Clancy (authors of OH PASCAL!, an introductory computer science textbook which I had to use once - and Clancy was my professor once), and Ieape Stabo. (Seriously, I printed the Boardman and Walker items exactly as written (although I retyped it so that it would be in standard style - the Eric Blake story, for example, was double-spaced - NO WORDS WERE CHANGED, though), except that those things in double parentheses were added by myself. Letters concerning this or any other subject will be printed (at my discretion) unless the author says in the letter to withhold the letter from print. No renumeration for letters, though.)

PAGE 5 doesn't read my  
computerization

## KINGMAKER, TURN 6.....BOY, MARGARET LOVES TO WATCH THOSE FIGHTS

Two tiny things from last time: Mowbray was in the commons of London, and Percy was on the commons of Harlech (all of the nobles didn't fit, and Percy was the noble(s) with the smallest strength that would allow the remainder to fit - see below).

Mike LeBeau claims that Roos shouldn't have gotten those mercenaries that a noble he fought (and executed) gave up. Those are listed under Advanced COMBAT, which isn't used here. However, more than 300 troops tried to enter Harlech. I tried to remove as few troops as possible, since my policy in these situations is to keep as many troops in the castle as I can. I couldn't remove Cromwell, since he wasn't enough to make the rest fit; since Roos is the marshal, Percy was the lowest-strength noble remaining, so I put him on the commons (there was no combat since all parties were neutral).

PRE-EVENT PHASE: Audley starts at Tickhill, Beaufort at Corfe, Courtenay at Okehampton, and Plantagenet-York at Stokessay. Stanley becomes Chancellor of Cornwall.

AUDLEY (Tickhill)-Newark-Belvoir-Leicester-Coventry(c)

BEAUFORT (Corfe)-h42-h41-h43-h36-Bath

BERKELEY (Kenilworth)-Tewkesbury-h28-Ludlow-w21

COURTEENAY (Okehampton)-d6-h35-Taunton-h36-Bath

GREY (h28)-h27-Usk-Caerff

HERBERT (Harlech(c))-w8-w9-w10

HOLLAND (Kenilworth) moved with Berkeley

MOWBRAY (London(c))-St. Albans-h22-Warwick-h4-Salisbury(c)

CROMWELL (Marischal)-w8-w9-w19-Shrewsbury-Coventry(c)

PERCY follows CROMWELL (same moves)

ROOS joins the fun with CROMWELL and PERCY

NEVILLE (Harlech(c))-w8-w6-Rhuddlan

TALBOT goes with Neville

STANLEY (Preston)-s30-s36-Chester-w7-w10

STAFFORD (Leeds)-Blackheath-Windsor-St. Albans-h22-Daventry

LeROSE (Preston)-s3-s5-s7-s9-s12

COMBAT: PERCY, ROOS, and CROMWELL meet AUDLEY outside Coventry (390-10). (PLAGUE-Newcastle, Durham / 5-4) AUDLEY is captured. The winners couldn't enter the castle, though, as no movement is allowed after combat.

## YOUR CROWN CARD:

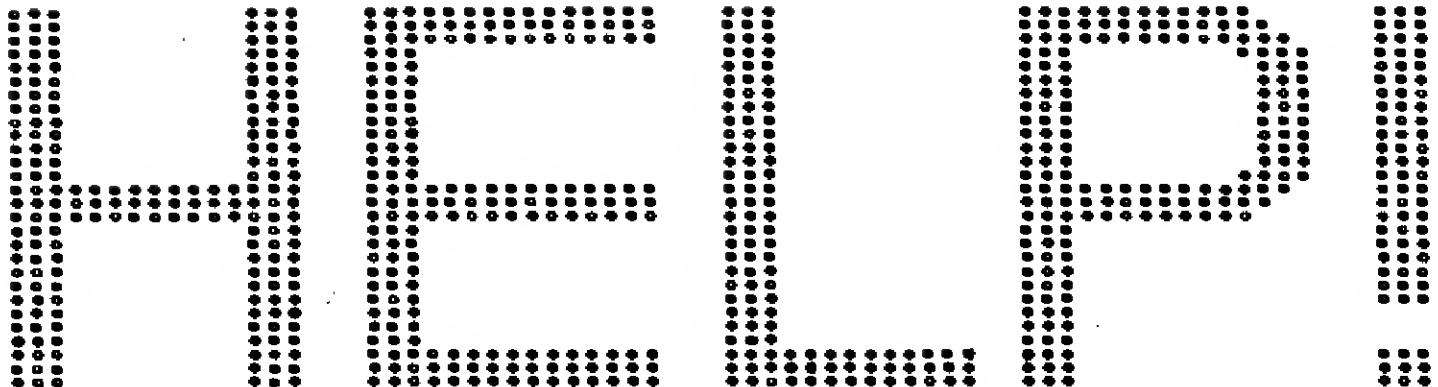
EVENT CARDS: GALES AT SEA (Le Rose sinks), non-event to Reagen, PLAGUE-Berwick, non-event to Wyett.

Didn't I ever say which event cards were added? One Royal Death (death of a royal counter rolled for at random), 2 Gales At Sea (ships at sea wrecked), 2 Treachery (non-event: drawer loses 1 or 2 cards, depending on card, from hand, but the cards aren't revealed), and 2 Catastrophe (all nobles temporarily lose all "added strength" except for mercenaries). The Royal Death and the Gales have been drawn, but neither Catastrophe has been drawn. (The Treacheries are a secret.)

TURN 7 is due by MARCH 25, 1982. Press follow:

GLASS ONION-KNIGHT KLINE: Oh! So it was YOU who hugged Howard! And I thought we were friends. You better have a pretty good explanation.

GMA: This is PAGE 6, or else.



Did you get the message? Now - how would you like to get this thing FREE? You heard me - FREE! What's the catch? Here goes.....

Just recently, John Caruso wrote me and complained about my GMing. I believe he used the words, "You stink as a GM." Had he said that to anybody else, the person he said it to would probably be in an outrage. Here, it's different - mainly because he's right, to a point. I was a pretty good GM - until I had to do 4 Diplomacy games plus Kingmaker, Empires Of The Middle Ages, Third Reich, and Source Of The Nile, while trying to maintain a high enough GPA at Berkeley to qualify for a CS major (let me put it this way - I had 3 classes last quarter, and a B in any one of them would have hurt worse than being stabbed from 6 sides). Let's face facts - things are getting WORSE! You know as well as I do that this sort of thing is going to continue as long as I have this burden. THEREFORE, I've decided to call for GUEST GMs. That's right - people who are brave (foolish?) enough to step up and GM one (or more) of the games in LOM. The games would remain in the 'zine, but under a guest GM, and maybe even a subzine. There must be SOMEBODY out there who was thinking of starting a subzine or GMing a game - now's your chance. And don't forget - Guest GMs get this 'zine FREE for as long as their game(s) last. How's that for incentive?

Here are the games that I'm looking for Guest GMs for:

1980G, 1980LM, 1981AM, SECOND CHANCE DIP, KINGMAKER, and EMPIRES OF THE MIDDLE AGES

I'll hold on to SPIES, SOURCE OF THE NILE, and (if it ever starts) BLACK BOX, plus any games that don't get guest GMs (until they do, if it ever happens).

I also need HELP filling some of this white space - I had a letter from Gary Conaghan, but it didn't fit on this PAGE 7

# SPIES

Yes, another game has opened here in LOM....It's a good thing that the rules for this game are on ONE 8½ x 11 sheet. (Two, if you include the house rules.)

Let me make a clarification to the rules:

a spy is allowed to continue his/her movement after cashing in a secret in the same turn. For example, a spy with a secret (in this example, a French spy) can move from Gibraltar with a secret to Madrid-Paris (cash in secret)-Berlin (pick up another secret)-Geneva-Paris (cash in this secret). Also, you can only Sanction spies that physically occupy the same city as one of your spies during any segment of the movement (for example, if one of your spies moves from Paris to Madrid-Gibraltar-Tangiers-Algiers-Tunis, you can Sanction a spy which moves from Florence to Rome-Western Med-Tunis-Algiers-Tangiers, since the two spies are in Algiers in the fourth segment, but you can't Sanction a spy which moves from Florence to Rome-Tunis-Algiers-Tangiers-Casablanca, since the spies are in different cities at the end of each segment, even though the spies traded places during the fourth segment (one from Tangiers to Algiers, one vice-versa)). Finally, because of the nature of simultaneous movement, moves which have "pauses", such as Rome to Florence-Venice-Venice-Trieste-Vienna, are legal.

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Spy, secret, and police setups are due by MARCH 27. Here are your country's original secreta/counterspies:

Another LOM apology -- this time, to JEFF NOTO. It seems that he's NOT dropping out of the hobby, but just cutting down a little. He is still getting married, though. Nobody's perfect.....  
"What about me?"

Who?

"Mike Cenner, from Austin, TX....Peggy Gemignani, from St. Petersburg, FL....Gary Coughlan, from Memphis, TN....John Daly, from Rockwell, NC.....those are the varsity dippers from the STARS & BAES!.....Richard Goeck, from Newcastle-upon-Tyne....Pete Tamlyn, from Staines, Middlesex....John Maraden, from Oakley Green near Windsor, Berkshire....Geoff Challinger, from Dartford, Kent.....and those are the varsity dippers from the PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES' OWN DIPPERS!" (Usual whistle and music) It's time to match stabs with the champions in America's and England's favorite game with wooden blocks somewhere, the varsity sport of the mouth,



in honor of all you  
Australia fans out there

The ninth game of the 1982 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT comes to you almost LIVE from the usual place in Berkley (that's Berkley, USA).... as we pick up the action with a few minutes left in the game, England and The South are neck-and-neck, with the S&B ahead 195-175.... "The next bonus is worth 30 points, here's the tessup: a set of wooden blocks for Diplomacy now sells for \$10 American. If you were to buy the pieces separately, for 10 points, how much would it cost?" (BUZZZZ)  
"S&B, Gemignani....\$14"

"No, can you take it, Wales' Own?" (ERRRING)

"P&POW, Marston....it's a trick question!"

"That's right - you can't buy French pieces outside of the set. Here's your bonus: in the southeast corner of a Diplomacy map, there's a block of SCs that are adjacent to each other - each SC is adjacent to at least one other SC. You'll get 30 points for a correct answer, 20 if you're off by one, and 10 if you're off by two - how many SCs are in this southeast block?"  
(P&POW takes it over) "14?"

"Try 24! The areas NOT part of this block are Warsaw, Tunisia, Spain, Portugal, and all of France and England. I knew that it extends through the eastern and central part of the map, but it's mainly in the south-east. The next bonus is also worth 30 points, here's the tessup: there are four cities on a KINGMAKER map. London and York are two of them; for?" (ERRRING)

"P&POW, Tamia....Bristol and Southampton"

"5 point penalty; can you take it, S&B?" (BUZZZZ)

"S&B, Coughlan....What's KINGMAKER?"

"Wrong - Bristol and Norwich (pronounced NOR-itsh). Here's the next tessup: remember that question about the block of SCs? If Switzerland was an SC, for 10 points, how many more SCs?" (BUZZZZ)

"S&B, Daly....Three"

"Five-point penalty-" (ERRING)

"P&POW, Gooch....Four"

"That's right - Switzerland, Marseilles, Spain, and Portugal. Here's the 30-point bonus: for 30 points, how many sea areas require movement through a coastal area to get to every other sea area?"

"Three"

"No, all 18 do!"

"What?"

"You see, you have to go through Constantinople to get to the Black Sea....the score is 190-190 with seconds left, here's the tessup: the-(BUZZZZZ)"

"S&B, Coughlan....DIPLOMACY" (TWEREEET)

"That's right, unbelievably, and that's it for today.....it's official! The final score is 190 for the Prince and Princess of Wales' Own Dippers to 200 for the Stars & Bars....Stars & Bars is the winner!"

"Now wait a minute....how did that guy answer that question after hearing just 'EHH'?"

"Lucky guess?"

"I say that DIP BOWL is fixed!"

"Of course it's fixed - it's never been broken...."

Be with us next time when the MARYLAND DIPPERS meet the WHITEMARSH INSTITUTE OF NUCLEAR HOLOCAUST at DIP BOWL! (By the way, the OLD GUARD has replaced John Michalski with Doug Beyerlein....)

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Game openings? Are you kidding? Between myself, the UPS, and that above I made in December, the only game I'm running that went smoothly last month was SOURCE OF THE NILS. I was going to list all of the errors made last month, but I'd need another 'zine to make it fit!

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not on page 9

## THE STANTINOPLE-CON STORY

10:00, Saturday, February 13, 1982.....already a crowd of ZERO has shown up to get STANTINOPLE-CON 2 to a slow start - rather, to a NO start. I didn't think it was supposed to rain today. Then again, I never did tell Dave Grabar and Judy Winsome what time the con was going to start - maybe next year, it'll be a full-fledged Dip tournament, so everybody will show up on time (or else). Let's see who's scheduled to come....I've heard from Clark Reynolds, Dave Grabar, Judy Winsome, Steve Langley, and a few of the Davis Aggia-types (probably up late last night milking the cows.....meanwhile, we at Berkeley were celebrating a big basketball win on Friday Night over a Top 20 team - at least, they were in the Top 20 (#19) before the game). Still, it's a two-day event, so I'm not worried - much. Actually, I'm more worried that nobody's going to bring a Diplomacy set - I've only got one.

10:20....I suddenly remembered that somebody knows just where my dorm is! Berkeley is a big city, but it's not too hard to find the university - just look for the big clock tower.

10:30....somebody finally arrives....it's Dave Grabar and a few friends from down Chowchilla way. STANTINOPLE-CON 2 has begun.

In the next 31 consecutive hours, the likes of Tim Winger, Clark Reynolds, Tim Haffey, Steve Langley, and others (but NOT Judy Winsome, I should add) went through games of Diplomacy, Down With The King, Kingmaker, Machiavelli (an all-night game), and a ten-hour session of Nuclear Holocaust that ended with the winner approaching \$5 MILLION! There was gold flying all over the place, and, had the game continued for another few minutes, the H-bombs would have done the same.

I didn't mind that Dave Grabar passed up Diplomacy to play Kingmaker, but why do I always have to play Austria? First off, I join Tim Winger (Russia) and Tim Haffey (Italy) in chewing up Turkey, but then we tried (unsuccessfully) to take apart Steve Langley's German position, which had 8 centers after 1902, no thanks to Italy who could have supported me into Munich had we not gotten out signals crossed with Russia. Anyway, an attempted stab of Italy backfired, but I got Tim back on my side - just in time to see Winger start to hit on my southern centers. Haffey joins in the fun, and, while England remains at one center from 1905 to about 1910 or so, I go from four to zero in 1907! With Turkey and Austria gone and England and France heading that way, the battleships were beginning to develop for the three-way showdown. It ended in a three-way draw.

The all-night Machiavelli game was a night; it started at about midnight, but nobody bothered to time how long the negotiation periods took, and the game lasted until 6:30 in the morning. Meanwhile, I only made it to 5:30, and hit the sack for 90 minutes. When the others came back from breakfast at about 8:00, the Nuclear Holocaust game began. Each player took two powers, but nobody bothered to keep an eye on players who moved carriers to gold areas. Soon, money was everywhere, as were H-bombs on bombers, and some guys had to pay over \$40,000 in maintenance alone! The game was decided when one player managed to grab a hold of most of Europe and Africa, cutting off the main sources of other players' oil, and moved \$4 million worth of gold to be processed into cash. Rather than delay the inevitable - and, besides, it was almost time for the David Horowitz show ("Is RAGU as good as homemade?") - a concession was agreed upon.

One of the hits of the con was the "Chowchilla Variant" of COSMIC ENCOUNTER, where cards are added that can zap flares and zap cards that zap flares, and new powers were introduced - some powers were 2 for the price of one. Oh, and you Dave Grabar fans will be glad to know he was one of the winners in DUNE, so it wasn't a total loss - for some people....

Now that I've gotten caught up,  
I know that this is **PAGE 10**

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SUMMER/FALL 1906.....NOT MUCH OFFENSE

Russian A WAR retreated to UKR; Russian F NWY retreated to SKA

FRANCE (Stafford): A Lon-YOR, A Par-BUR, A Mar-PIE, F LYO & ITALIAN F Rom-Tus, F WES-Tyh, F SPA(sc)-Wes, F Eng-MID, F Nwg-NTM

GERMANY (Caruso): F Bot-STP(sc) (s A NWY), A Mun-BOM (s A Tyo (d-retreat to Muh, OTB)), A PRU-War, A War-Mos (d-retreat to Sil, Lvn, OTB), F SWB-Dan, A BEL H

ITALY (Daly): A VEN & F TRI, F TRI & A Ven, F Rom-TUS, A Nap-ROM

RUSSIA (Grabar): A Ukr-WAR (s A GAL, A MOS), F SKA-Dan, F Bla-CON

TURKEY (La Beau): A Sev-UKR, A Boh-TYO (s A YIN), A Alb-APU (c F ADR),

SUPPLY CENTER STANDINGS AFTER FALL 1906

FRANCE: Par, Bre, Mar, Por, Spa, Lvp, Edi, Lon - 8, even

GERMANY: Mun, Ber, Kie, Den, Bel, Hol, Swe, Stp, NWY - 9, build 1 or 2 or 3

ITALY: Nap, Ven, Rom, Tri - 4, even

RUSSIA: Mos, Sev, War, Rus, NWY, CON - 5, even

TURKEY: Smy, Bul, Edi, Ank, Gre, Ser, Vie, Bud, Tun - 8, even

AUTUMN/WINTER 1906 and SPRING 1907 orders are due by MARCH 27. Press:

GERMANY-GM: (excerpt) Your GMing could ruin your LOM reputation.

GM-GERMANY: What reputation? The draw failed; another F/G draw is proposed

-GIVE-GENEROUSLY-TO-THE-ARM-WHAT-MAKES-YOU-THINK-WE-WILL-GIVE-SOMETHING-IN-RETURN

\*\*\* BOL \*\*\*

SUMMER/FALL 1903.....ITALY AND RUSSIA CAN'T SEEM TO REMEMBER WHERE THEIR UNITS ARE

Italian F EAS retreats to SYR

AUSTRIA (Lucas): F Gra-ION, A BUD-Rus, (s A SEE), A Ven-ROM, A TRI-Ven, A Vie-TYO

ENGLAND (CD): Has F LOM, F EDI

FRANCE (Winger): F Nas-NWG, F NTM & GERMAN F SKA-NWY (nm), A Mar-PIM (where they abuse themselves with Italian women), A BEL H & continues to enjoy native hospitality, A LVP H & establishes garrison, F ENG holds waterskiing contests

GERMANY (CD): Has A PRU, A SIL, A HOL, F SKA, F KIE

ITALY (Winsome): A TUN-Apu, (s F Ion) (d-retreat to Tyh, Nap, Apu, Adr, Alb, OTB), A TUS-Ven, F SYR H (snorered)

RUSSIA (Sherwood): A WAR H & spits at Germans, A UKR & A War, A SEV-Rus (s F BLA), F BAL-Kie (s A Den (nm)), F NWY-SKA

TURKEY (Carter): A Bul-GRB, F EAS & AUSTRIAN F Gra-Ion, F SMY & F EAS

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SUPPLY CENTER STANDINGS AFTER FALL 1903

AUSTRIA: Vie, Tri, Bud, Ser, Gr's, Rum, ROM - 6, even

ENGLAND: Lon, Edi, Lyf - 2 (even)

FRANCE: Bre, Mar, Par, Spa, Por, Bel, LVP - 7, build 1

GERMANY: Ber, Kie, Mun, Den Hol - 5 (even)

ITALY: Nap, Ven, Mil, Tun - 3, remove 1 or even

RUSSIA: Sev, War, Mos, Stp, Sve, Nwy, Ank - 7, even

TURKEY: Smy, Con, Bul, GRE - 4, build 1

Now for the BAD news.....Dave Manuel didn't keep up a sub or a trade, so his position goes into CD until he or a standby takes over. Also, Judy Winsome has resigned as Italy. Time to call standbys (well, hopefully standbys):

GERMANY: David Bergmattier, 3820 Locust Walk, Box 294, Philadelphia,  
PA. 19104

Louis Ferber

ITALY: John Diamond, 41 Riverridge Trail, Ormond Beach, FL 32074

If anybody out there wants to be a standby here (in case somebody doesn't accept here), let me know....standbys get 31 credit for taking a position, but positions with 1 or 2 SCs will go into CD if the player resigns. (In other words, standbys are only used for vacancies of 3 or more SCs.)

AUTUMN and WINTER 1903 and SPRING 1904 orders are due by MARCH 27, 1982.  
Please follow....

AUSTRIA-ITALY: My troops haven't seen a woman in 5 years. I hope their eagerness to rush to your capital city to meet you doesn't disturb you.

RUSSIA-AUSTRIA: NO ONE is cramer than I am! Who have you slept with lately?

RUSSIA-1981CD RUSSIA: Your best move of the game was going into CD. Why don't you try it in this game?

LA JOLLA-BELLFLOWER: Manuel agrees strongly with your GMing decision. Think about that for a moment.

LIMERICK (by way of RUSSIA):

Dave Manuel used to publish a zine  
Which hasn't been seen in some time ((it doesn't rhyme))  
He said he'd return  
But responsibility he spurns  
Did he just feed Del Grande a lime?

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LOMSHIRTS are still available! Just \$7 postpaid plus 10¢ per letter (15¢ for large letters). Name your own message, and specify shirt size, color, and letter color. (Not all colors in all sizes)

FRED A. doesn't care - it's  
a t-shirt - I kind

### TAXES

POLAND: Demense 2 - has 3g

BURGUNDY: Burgundy 3, Anjou 1 - has 5g

DENMARK: Has 3g

FRANCE: Ile De France 1, Aragon 1, Aquitaine 2 - 8g

GERMANY: Lorraine 3, Franconia 2, Switzerland 1 - 10g

SARACENS are still sleeping a few off

MONGOL appeared in Syria, combat stature 5

1) Conquer Cilicia (ER 5/71) PCI

2) Conquer Cilicia (ER 5/68) Cilicia's SS=1; Syria's SS=1; both return to independent status

EVENT CARDS: POLAND-10, BURGUNDY-14, DENMARK-holding card ( ), FRANCE-6, GERMANY-4. Boy, that famine sure can spread!

### STANDINGS

BURGUNDY: (Anjou 2), Burgundy 2, Lombardy -1, Provence -1, Rome -2, plus tie and PCI to Toulouse. 57 points.

FRANCE: Aquitaine 2, Aragon 1+T, Brittany -3, Champagne 0, (Castille 0\*), Flanders -2, Ile De France 0, Normandy -3, Valencia 1\*, plus claim to Toulouse. 45 points.

GERMANY: Austria -2\*, Bavaria 1\*, Franconia 2, Hungary -1\* (Recognition of Claim played), Lorraine 3+2F, (Poland 0 (heretical)), Switzerland 1. 43 points.

DENMARK: Denmark 2+2F, Northumbria -2\*, Norway -3 (RC), plus conversion of Sweden (RC). 55 points.

POLAND: (Brandenburg -3\*), Pomerania -3, (Prussia -1\*), Silesia -1, plus tie and claim to Volhynia and tie to Wallachia. 40 points.  
(Also a PCI of Saxony)

Orders for 1021-1025 are due by MARCH 27. Almost forgot the independents:

Adrianople 2, Anatolia 0, Apulia -2, Armenia 0, Asia 2, Bohemia 1, Bulgaria 0, Cilicia 0, Constantinople 3+3F, Cordova -2, Corsica -2, Croatia -1, Friesland -3, Georgia 0, Granada -2, Greece 2, Ireland -1, Jerusalem 0, Khazar -1, Kiev 1, Leon -2, Lithuania -1, Livonia 1, Macedonia 1, Mercia 0, Muscovy 2, Naples -2, Novgorod 2, Portugal 0, Ryazan -1, Sardinia -2, Saxony -3, Scotland -2, Serbia 0, Sicily -2, Smolensk 2, Steppes -2, Swabia 2, Sweden 0, Syria 0, Toulouse -3, Trebizond 1, Tuscany -1, Venice -1+2F, Verona 0, Volhynia 1, Wales -1, Wallachia 0, Wessex 1

### AMOUNT IN SUB \_\_\_\_\_ TRADE

#### \_\_\_\_ SAMPLE/COMPLIMENTARY

KM .... 6	SPIES.... 8	SOLE.... 11
81AS.... 11	SOG.... 13	81Prb21.... 13
EMPIRES... 14	SOURCE.....	separate sheet

FALL 1908.....WHO, ME MAKE MISTAKES?

There was no retreat as the Russian & SII was a flying dutchman.

AUSTRIA (Goldberg?): NMRI has A TRI, A BOM, A UKR, A RUD, A GRE, and a retreat from A TYO to Vie or OTB

ENGLAND (Rose): A Ber-SII, A Den-BER (c F BAL), F Wes-TUN, F NAP-Ion, A LVN and A PRU & FRENCH A SII-War, A STP-Mos, F NWG-NWY, F Lon-ENG, F NTM H, A ROM & FRENCH A Mun

FRANCE (Hugh): F Tyb & ENGLISH F Wes-Tun (d-retreat to Wes, OTB), A SII-WAR, A Plo-TYO (c A Mun), A Spa-TUS (c F LIO)

ITALY (Carter): A VEN & F Rom, F Tun-TYM (c F ROM)

RUSSIA (Ashley): A PRU & A War (no A PRU), A SEV-Mos (c A War (d-retreat to Gal, OTB)), A Arm-ANK, F ION-Nap, F EAS & F Ion (otm)

#### SUPPLY CENTER STANDINGS AFTER FALL 1908

AUSTRIA: Bud, Vie, Ser, Rus, Rum, Gre, Bul, Tri - 7, build 1 or 2

ENGLAND: Home, Den, Bel, Hol, Kie, Swe, Stp, NWY, Ber, Nap, TUN - 13, build 1

FRANCE: Home, Spa, Por, Mun, WAR - 7, build 1 or 2

ITALY: Rom, Ven, Tun - 2, remove 1

RUSSIA: War, Mos, Sev, Smy, Con, Ank - 5, even or build 1

All draws failed; an H/F draw has been proposed - vote with your next orders. No vote = YES. AUTUMN and WINTER 1908 and SPRING 1909 are due by MARCH 27, 1982. No press was sent in.

#### SECOND CHANCE DIPLOMACY (1981Prb21), FALL 1902...DEFINITELY NMRS THIS TIME

I have orders from Mike Molkin, Dick Martin, and Dave Carter - with the THREE CDs, that means there was an NMRI by Mike Barne. Shame, shame. I also have a set of orders for France, but I can't accept them as I didn't let the others know that he was a standby (he never told me).

#### PRIMARY

ENGLAND: A Yer-NWY (c F NTM, c F NWG)

GERMANY: A Mya-TYO (c A SWI), A Ruh-BUR (c A BNL), F Den-SWE

TURKEY: A Sev-MOS, A Rum-SEV (c F BLA), A Bul-RUM

Since Dick's secondary order for F Den was also F Den-Swe, it failed. All of the other orders succeeded. Here's how the other countries did:

AUSTRIA (Barne?): NMRI has A TRI, A SER, A GAL, F ION, and a retreat from A TYO to Boh, Vie, or OTB

FRANCE (CD): F MAO, A MAR, and a retreat from A BUR to Plo, Par, Gas, OTB

ITALY (CD): A VEN, A ROM, F NAP

RUSSIA (CD): A UKR, F STP(sc), F SWE, and a retreat from A NWY to Fin, OTB

AUTUMN and WINTER 1902 and SPRING 1903 orders are due by MARCH 27, 1982. Will Bill Hugh, 17622 Jordan #20-D, Irvine, CA 92715, take over as Italy, and James Daugherty, 20875 Valley Green Drive #119, Cupertino, CA 95014, take over for Russia? Supply center chart is on the next page.

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**SECOND CHANCE DIPLOMACY SUPPLY CENTER STANDINGS AFTER FALL 1902**

**AUSTRIA:** Home, Ser, Gre - 5, even or build 1

**ENGLAND:** Home, NWY - 4, build 1

**FRANCE:** Bre, Par, Bdf - 2, remove 1 or even

**GERMANY:** Home, Dan, Hol, SWL, SWI - 7, build 2

**ITALY:** Home - 3, even

**RUSSIA:** Mdd, Bdf, Hfy, Btp, Mos, SWE - 3, remove 1 or even

**TURKEY:** Home, Rum, SEY, MOS - 6, build 2

**EMPIRES OF THE MIDDLE AGES, 1016-1020 - WHO'S LEFT?**

Lee McConnell has resigned from the game, and John Boardman has NMRed again, so obviously he's got more important things to do than this. That leaves three "regular" players and no standby. I have three choices:

- (1) continue the game with three (possibly four); if John continues) players - Germany, France, and Burgundy;
- (2) delay the game until I can get a standby;
- (3) terminate the game here.

I'll let the players decide; let me know with your next set of orders. In the meantime.....(by the way, Germany owns Hungary)

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**POLAND** (McConnell, 9-2-5): Conquer Brandenburg from Silesia (2g/ER 12/61) Brandenburg conquered, in unrest

**BURGUNDY** (Ransom, 5-3-5): Conquer Anjou from Burgundy +3 (3g/ER 6, due to defense/60) Anjou captured, in unrest, SS=1.

**DENMARK** (Boardman?, 3-3-3): NMR - card 79

**FRANCE** (Olsen, 2-2-2): Conquer Burgundy from Ile De France +2 (4g/ER 1/63) Ile De France's SS=0

**GERMANY** (Reagan, 1-1-3): Rule Switzerland (ER 1/84) SS=1

1017

**POLAND:** Conquer Saxony from Brandenburg (2g/ER 6/74) PCI; Saxony's SS=-3

**BURGUNDY:** Rule Lombardy (ER 2/59) SS=-1

**DENMARK:** NMR - card 81

**FRANCE:** Rule Champagne (ER 2/72) NE

**GERMANY:** Rule Switzerland (ER 0/62) SS=2; new leader is a 3-1-2

1018

Only Germany had a possible endeavor - no leader changes

**GERMANY:** Rule Franconia (ER 0/73) SS=2

1019

Only Germany had a possible endeavor; Poland's new leader is a 2-3-3

**GERMANY:** Diplomacy with Poland (1g/ER 1/64) NE

1020

France played defense; only Poland had an endeavor. No leader changes.

**POLAND:** Rule Pomerania (ER 2/107) SS=-2

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